

Guardianship versus Supported Decision-Making

Which is best for you?

What is Guardianship?

Guardianship is the most restrictive option. It strips away most of your civil rights and has not been proven to make people safer. It needs to be established in court and can be costly to remove or modify it later in life.

What is Supported Decision-Making?

Supported decision-making is an alternative to guardianship. Supporters help you understand situations so you can make a choice for yourself when you need it in situations of medical, legal, financial, and more.

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Supported decision-making agreements are not legally binding, but the courts are required to consider a less restrictive alternative to guardianships. Guardianships are established in courts. They are difficult to overturn or change and will require you to return to court, which may be costly.

Advantages of Supported Decision-Making

- This considers your wishes first
- You choose where you need help
- It allows for your growth and maturity
- It allows you to make mistakes as mistakes help you learn
- No court is necessary
- You can change your agreement at any time
- It can be done free with available resources

Where can I get services?

You can receive services at Disability Rights Idaho; our two offices are in Boise, ID and Pocatello, ID.

Our Boise Office is located at 9542 W Bethel Court, Boise, ID 83709. Our Pocatello Office is at 1246 Yellowstone Avenue Suite A-3 Pocatello, ID 83201-4374.

You can call our Statewide Toll-Free Number at 1-866-262-3462 or our office number at 208-336-5353. Our fax number is 208-336-5396. You can also send an email to info@disabilityrightsidaho.org